

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday** 9:00am  
 Sun Vietnamese Community 11:30am  
 Sun Syro- Malabar Comm 7.00 am, 2:00 pm & 5.00 p.m.  
**Monday** 8.00am  
*(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)*  
**Tuesday to Thursday** 8.00am  
**Friday** 9.00am  
**Saturday** 9.00am  
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm  
 Public Holidays 9:00am  
**Confession/Reconciliation:**  
 Saturdays 9.45am onwards or by appointment  
**Pastoral Council Chairperson:** Leonard Casey

**SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
 Fri & Sat 8.00am  
**Divine Mercy prayer:** Friday 8.30am  
**Rosary:** Saturday 8.30am  
**Novena:** Saturday 9.25am  
 (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)  
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**Mass Roster**

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
<b>Date/ Time</b>	10/08/2024 Sat 17:30pm	11/08/2024 Sun 09:00am	17/08/2024 Sat 17:30pm	18/08/2024 Sun 09:00am
<b>Name of Week</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary time	19th Sunday in Ordinary time	20th Sunday in Ordinary time	20th Sunday in Ordinary time
<b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b>	Jacinta Chow	Evelyn Leech	Betty Andrews	Heather Kelly
<b>1st Reader</b>	Theresa Bennet	Margaret Burke	Russell D'Lima	Alekhya Kondaveeti
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Lara Miranda	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Sabrina Freitas	Judy MacMenigal
<b>Communion</b>	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfram	Rolinda D'Souza	Sine Foulger & Andy Tibbitts
<b>Altar servers</b>	Rachelann D'Lima & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordonez	Cyrus Jesudas & Rachelann D'Lima	Taiaopo & Vincent Lafele & Robert Liu
<b>Collectors</b>	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon	Wongso Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
<b>Musician</b>	Charmaine D'lima	Martin Ng & family	Bambi	Patrick Burke & Christian Domilies
<b>Laptop</b>	D'lima Family	Ng Family	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers
<b>Offertory</b>	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family	Bennett Family	Fuimaono Family
<b>Counters</b>		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Tsue
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
<b>Flower Arrangements</b>	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
<b>Morning Tea</b>				Indian Community

**Last Sunday's collection: \$2239.60**

Thank you so much for your kind generosity. Kindly note our bank account details are as below:

**BNZ 02-0108-0706777-00.**

**Kids' Korner Links**  
[19th Sun of Ord Time \(OT\)](#)  
[Good Morning](#)

**The Parish is served by Redemptorist Missionaries**  
[www.cssr.com](http://www.cssr.com), [www.cssr.org.au](http://www.cssr.org.au)

We welcome any visitors and new parishioners to our parish. If you would like to register, forms are available in the foyer or send an email to [icpellerslie@gmail.com](mailto:icpellerslie@gmail.com) for the form.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the Parish of Immaculate Conception Ellerslie are God's people seeking God's purposes and fulfilling them through service, inspired by the Holy Spirit, assisted through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE**

**Parish Priest:**  
 Fr. Joseph V.J., C.Ss.R  
**Assistant Parish Priest:**  
 Fr. Sijo John, C.Ss.R  
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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

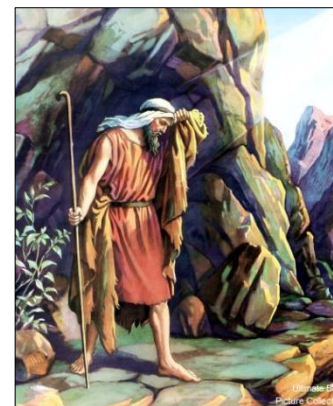
**10/11 August 2024**

**Religion is not escapism**

Elijah spent a lifetime battling against the idolatry which was rampant in his time. So he fled into the desert to escape the conflict he had with Queen Jezebel, who wanted to kill him. Having given his all, he felt drained. He laid down and asked God to take his life away so all his troubles would be over. Elijah was perhaps the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. Yet here we see him weak, exhausted, terror-stricken, and just wanting to die.

Instead of granting his wish, God sent an angel to him with food and drink. This was an expression of God's care for his prophet. Strengthened by this food 'from heaven' Elijah was able to make his way to Horeb, the mountain of God. And at Horeb, he had an experience of God.

Prayer and religion are not escapes from life but helps to face it. Our daily search for God and Christian living leads us back to prayer and the sacraments. We seek not refuge and escape but rebirth, renewed courage, and energy to continue our journey.



The God who loves us, expects the best of us, nothing less. God gives us a special food to nourish us. The food that Elijah received enabled him to walk to the mountain of God. The food that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist enables us to walk all the way to his eternal kingdom.

*McCarthy Flor, New Sunday and holiday liturgies Year B Dominican Publications 1999*

## Mass Readings



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Kg 19:4-8:  
Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

**Resp Psalm: Ps 33:2-9: R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Eph 4:30 - 5:2: Walk in love, just as Christ.

**Gospel:** Jn 6:41-51: I am the living bread come down from heaven.

## ~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

10th Aug – Confirmation & First Holy Communion @1.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> Aug – Certificate Presentation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Children

15th Aug – The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

17<sup>th</sup> Aug – World Youth Day Auckland

25th Aug – St Mary's School House Mass

25th Aug – Parish FOOD FESTIVAL

## CONGRATULATIONS



Hearty congratulations to the 49 children who received the First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish. May the graces received continue to deepen your relationship with God. We pray that you will continue to grow in faith and love as you journey through life. We thank the leaders: Judy, Theresa, Rachaël, Andy and Albert for their commitment and dedication in preparing the children for the reception of the sacraments.

## PARISH NOTICES

**WORLD YOUTH DAY AUCKLAND Sat | 17 Aug | 10.00 am – 8:30pm | Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont St** – Our Youth Group wants to invite all young people aged 13 - 35 years old to join them and over 1000 young Catholics for an unforgettable day at Victory Convention Centre. Get excited for inspiring guest speakers, uplifting music, delicious (free!) kai, mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, and one BIG celebration of our Catholic faith.

If you are keen, please email [cyrusjesudas@gmail.com](mailto:cyrusjesudas@gmail.com) as soon as possible, as the organisers need to confirm the amount of food to organise on that day.

### LINE DANCING ANYONE?

Anyone of any age, who is interested in learning LINE DANCING in our parish, are invited to contact Mabel Fernandez on 022 172 9694 or email [mabel\\_fernandesnz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:mabel_fernandesnz@yahoo.co.nz) . or Raphael ng on 022 1936579/ 09 2811557/ [ngahthong@gmail.com](mailto:ngahthong@gmail.com)

### FIRE WARDENS AND EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY POINT

In case of fire in the church, our assembly point is at the carpark. Aside from our priests, our Fire wardens are: Sat Mass: Bernard Liddington, Movez D'Souza, Esmeria D'Souza, Claudia Forycki, Blue Holmes-Kinsella

Sun Mass: Leonard Casey, Martin Ng, Aidan Van de Hurk, Ivan D'Souza, Denis D'Souza, Verni Tibay, Greg Carl, Tiby Thomas, Riz Galvez

## ANNUAL PARISH FOOD FESTIVAL

This year, our annual food festival will be held on **Sunday 25th August** in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass. All proceeds will contribute to the Youth group's funding for the 2027 World Youth Festival in South Korea. If you are available to help on that morning or set up your own stall, please contact **Lenora Foliaki** ([lenorafoliaki@gmail.com](mailto:lenorafoliaki@gmail.com))



**St Patrick's Cathedral – Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thurs | 15 Aug | 7 am, 12.15 pm & a special after work of 5.30pm | Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**

\$4.50 MASS PARKING is available for the 5.30 pm Mass only at the Wilson's car park on Hobson St using the ParkMate App. Please use the Promo Code STPATS.

### Men's Conference – ARISE!

**Fri- Sun | 23 Aug 6pm – 25 Aug 2.30pm | Willow Park Christina Camp**  
The Lamb of God Community would like to invite all men for a Men's Conference to equip and stand firm in our faith. It is a great time to rejuvenate and uplift your spiritual life by joining other brothers walking alongside you in faith.

For more details, please feel free to get in touch with Patrick on 0210381984 or [patrick\\_amaral@hotmail.com](mailto:patrick_amaral@hotmail.com)

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Mon | 2 Sept | 7.00pm | Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby**  
Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Steve Lowe will be presiding. Light refreshments will be served at *Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, after Mass.*

### Special Mass for Loss of a Child

**Sat | 7 Sept | 5.00pm | St Michael's, Remuera**  
A Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. 4.30pm Reconciliation & Adoration follow by 5pm Mass. For info: Brenda 027 641 5615  
**(Details on Notice board)**

## Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

For info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651

### Time Out Days

**Wed 21 Aug / Thu 12 Sep / Tue 15 Oct**  
For those who seek a day retreat – 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)

### 24Hr Quietude

**6-7 Sep / 22-23 Nov**  
For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm  
(\$120pp incl accommodation + food)

## Events at Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, Mission Bay

### Spending Time with St Mother Teresa

**Sat | 21 Aug | 9.30 for 10am – 1pm**

Led by Eamon Butler  
\$35 waged/\$25 unwaged  
Registrations by 30<sup>th</sup> Aug to [eamon\\_butler@hotmail.com](mailto:eamon_butler@hotmail.com)

### Josephite Pilgrimage around Central Auckland

**Sat | 31 Aug | 10am – 3.30pm**  
Led by Sis. Jill McLoughlin and Ann Neven  
\$35 waged/\$25 unwaged  
Registrations by Wed 28 August to [MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au](mailto:MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au)  
Ph: 021 071 0277

### CDA CONNECT (DIGITAL MAGAZINE)

*What's been going on in the diocese?*

Click on Header or visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

## Parish Activities

To foster community, spiritual growth, and shared fellowship, please come along to our small group activities that we have in this parish:-

### Alpha Programme

Graeme White  
[alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com](mailto:alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com)

**Divine Mercy Novena Group** – Sheila D'Souza  
[celinsheilds@gmail.com](mailto:celinsheilds@gmail.com)

**Faith Sharing Group**  
Raphael Ng  
[ngahthong@gmail.com](mailto:ngahthong@gmail.com)

**Food Bank Delivery**  
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**Marian Mothers Grp**  
Anne Casey  
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**Parish History Group**  
Claudia Forycki  
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**Jnr & Snr Youth Group**  
Cyrus Jesudas  
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**RCI and Sacramental Prog** –Theresa Stowers  
[Theresa\\_Stowers@hotmail.com](mailto:Theresa_Stowers@hotmail.com)

## Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

*Catherine Ng, Raphael Ng, Edward Salvatore Fleming, Lily Chua, Carrie Canapi, Janilyn Novelas, Jumer Cosme, Valerian Luis, Joan Luis, George Tooman, Gary Chen, Rowena Edgeworth, Ems Pengosro, Alvyne Rose R. Eslava, Connee Robertson, Josie Pearson and all those recovering from surgery or needing our prayers.*

## We remember those who have died and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Debra Skellern, Louise Gibson, Bartholomew Woodlock, Henry Kelly, William King, John Currie, Dorothy Tilley, Lucy Van Duyn, Kevin O'Neill, Bede Gerard McGraff, Linda Rey, Thomas Darby, Matija Nizich, Priscilla Fiori, Terrence Stapleton, Ron Halpin, Rita D Smith, Joyce Malone, Louise Hall, Maurice McSweeney, Peter Gordon, Fr. Neville Browne, Amelia Batistich, John M Poland, Dorothea M Simpson, Elizabeth Richards, Itumalo P Sagala, Natalie Dick, Rev. Fr. Douglas Forsyth SM, Violet T Borrie, Richard Murray, Maria Potegijs, Florence H Skopforth, Norah D James, Annie Prince, Winfred Schofield, Rosaleen J Stewart, Anatolia Berenevito, Anicia Dionaldo, Riita D Smith their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office*